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1. [ ] the engines on the TUAPSE were overhauled every three months, but the ship has never been in drydock.
2. The crew members of the TUAPSE were not told what action to take in the event the ship was intercepted. No Soviet merchant ships are armed.
3. On its last voyage the TUAPSE loaded kerosene at Constanta, Rumania. No other cargo was taken on at any other port.
4. When the TUAPSE entered Satellite ports, a guard was placed on the gangway to check passports. No one was permitted ashore without a passport, and the deck area was constantly watched and checked. Crews were permitted ashore in groups only. [ ]
5. The captain and the political officer of the TUAPSE read lectures on political subjects to the crew. First Mate Dmitry Kuznetsov is the chief political officer on the ship, and the electrician Mikhail Zakurdayev is the first assistant political officer.

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